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For: SYSTEM FOR DISTRIBUTING AND SELECTING AUDIO AND VIDEO INFORMATION AND METHOD IMPLEMENTED BY SAID SYSTEM

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Sir:

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 23-26;

Please add new claims 27-30 as follows:

--27. (New) A system for selectively distributing audiovisual items on a coaxial

cable network including a plurality of channels, comprising:

a jukebox device storing a plurality of audiovisual items, wherein the jukebox device communicates with the cable network via a dedicated channel of the plurality of